

St. Michael Catholic Church

801 Butler Avenue – Tybee Island, GA 31328

December 31, 2017 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mission Statement: St. Michael's is a Community of believers rooted in Catholic tradition that seeks to serve others through living out the Gospel message by witnessing to the values of love, community, stewardship, and service.

Our Parish Community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please call the Parish Office or register on-line.



PARISH STAFF

Rev. Jerry Ragan – Pastor hapragan@hotmail.com
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Mrs. Ginny Murphy – Youth Coordinator
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Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
(Closed noon until 1 p.m.)

office@saintmichaelstybee.org

Mailing Address: 802 Lovell Avenue

Parish Religious Formation Program

Susan Weber – PREP Program
Fr. Jerry Ragan – RCIA
Susan Weber/Ginny Murphy – Youth Program

Baptism Preparation: Call office for information –
(912) 786-4505

Website: <http://www.saintmichaelstybee.org>
<http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection>

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council Co-Presidents – Mike Beytagh/Carolyn Williams
Parish Finance Mgr. – Mark Schroder
Women's Club President – Ann Pierce
Administration/Buildings and Grounds – Mike Beytagh/Matt Ferry
Endowment Fund – Tommy Butler

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m.
Friday – **No Morning Service**

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

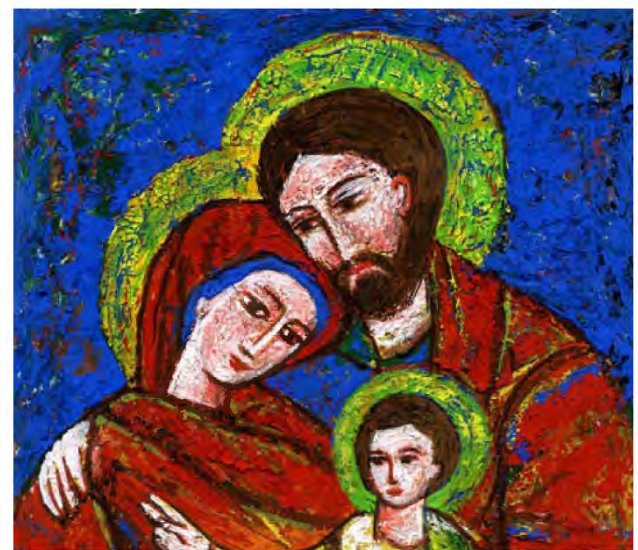
8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – *consult the bulletin*
Gluten-free hosts – please check in the sacristy

CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:45 p.m. on Saturday OR by appointment

St. Michael Thrift Store Hours

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Corner of 8th Street and Butler Avenue

Parish Emergency Number – (912) 499-4900



SERVERS FOR MINISTRIES

January 6 and 7, 2018

6:00 PM

Lectors: Robin Turner
Altar Servers: Melissa Watkins
EMEs: Theresa Pottratz/Kathy Cook/Wendy Shamroe
Ushers: Dave Ason/Todd Smith
Cantor: Mary Chapin

8:00 AM

Lectors: Betty/Walker Beeson
Altar Servers: Abby/Adam Van Brimmer
EMEs: Jimmye Lou DiBenedetto/Deanna Fanning/Gayle Valbuena
Ushers: Matt Ferry/Dana Johnson
Cantor: Carol Weidner Bohman

11:00 AM

Lectors: Tommy Butler/Janet Sheppard
Altar Servers: Natalie Schroder
EMEs: Karin Hogan/Ginny Murphy/Carolyn Williams
Ushers: Carl Looper/Mark Schroder
Cantor: Tasha Beke

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Fr. Jerry's Corner – December 31, 2017
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This Christmas week is one of my favorites every year. As a child our family would always visit with extended family and friends during the Christmas Season. And after the crazy rush before Christmas, I still love the more relaxed time after Christmas as we take the time to visit with family and friends. On the day after Christmas the priests of the Diocese gather for a Stefanstag dinner hosted by Bishop Hartmayer. Stefanstag in English is St. Stephan's Day and liturgically we celebrate the memorial of St. Stephan on December 26th. I look forward to this gathering every year because the priests of the Diocese have few opportunities to simply gather in a relaxed social setting. It is a good time and the Bishop springs for a good meal.

Throughout this Christmas Season we celebrate the reality that God loves so very much that He the Creator of the universe became creature. God always wants to be Emmanuel, which is to say he always wants to be with us. Mary's "Yes" to God made it possible for God to dwell among us. And as Catholics if we are truly living in Christ, our "job" is always going to be on the lookout for God dwelling in our midst. The sacraments help us to do this in a wonderful way. But as we transition from one year into the next, it is a good time to ask how else to we experience the presence of God in our everyday lives?

If you are making any resolutions today for the New Year, it might be good to consider an old spiritual practice that you haven't been doing lately. Whatever it is that has fallen out of favor from your daily calendar — be it silent prayer, journaling, visiting the Blessed Sacrament (most days the Church remains open until the evening), attending daily Mass, praying while walking, spending time meditating on scripture, prayer of gratitude before you fall off to sleep, the rosary or the Divine Mercy chaplet — think about why that practice has diminished and if it might be possible to reclaim it or try something new. If you do want to explore a new prayer exercise there are many sites on the internet that explore the broad and rich treasures of Catholic spirituality but one of my favorites is <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com>.

Keep me in your prayers. Football is a violent sport and my Mom 50 years ago knew that it wasn't very good for long term brain health, so she conspired with our family physician to make sure he'd never sign the medical release for me to play. After several years of prayer and therapy, I came to a point where I realized that my Mom did love me, and I forgave her. I'm not sure if Tex Flannery, the legendary football coach at my high school, ever did. As a priest I am concerned about the number of football players who damage their health because of concussions. But I am still a red blooded American male and football is still right up there with golf as my favorite spectator sport.

I ask for prayers because as two of my favorite teams, the Dawgs and the Iggles, draw close to the possibility of completing Championship seasons, I will get a little crazy with anxiety. I am happy for them to lose in the first round of play offs to put me out of my misery. When it comes to football, I've always been a pessimist. The Eagles have never won a Super Bowl. So, my pessimism is real. In fact, one longtime Eagles fan, Jeffrey Riegel, died last summer and one of his final requests was "to have 8 Philadelphia Eagles as pall bearers so the Eagles can let him down one last time." The Eagles have not always been an easy team to love.

If our mission as a Faith Community is to make God's love more evident in our community than I think an important building block towards that mission is that we become very much committed to forming loving bonds between our members. The way our parish pulled together for Lou Arcangeli's funeral was a good indication that many of you understand what we need to be about as a faith community. I believe that an important aspect of loving each other is spending time together, sharing our lives and having fun. So, I am

hoping many of you will attend St. Michael's Night at **802 gastropub** on Wednesday, January 10th. This I am hoping will be the first of several nights out to our local restaurants during the slow winter months. It's a win for them and for us as a faith community. It is a "soft" way of reaching out to others and asking them to "come and see." "Those Catholics sure seem to know how to have fun together. Perhaps we should check out their Church on the weekend." I'm grateful to Carolyn Williams for coordinating this project for the parish.

On the Way Home: As we begin a new year, what can we do as a family to be more aware of God's presence in our lives?

Fr. Jerry

PRAYER ANGELS - The following families will be remembered in prayer the week of December 24th:

-Joanne and Todd Naylor
-Sr. Gilmory O'Hayer
-Jim Robertson



PRAYER LIST: Donnie Anderson, Laura Angell, Kathleen Blanco, Odilo Blanco, Sr. Michael Mary Brabner, David Clark, Colt Delverne, William Green, Nedra Hendrix, Linda Hodges, Gene Maxey, Mary Ann Miller, Pat O'Connor, Nora Oliver, Marilyn Price, Erica

Reardon, LaVerne South III, Paul Swatek, David White, Ashley Wolfe, and Blake Young.

WITH THE LORD: We extend sympathy to the families of, **LuAnn Roberts**, who Tues., Dec. 19, 2017, and **Lou Arcangeli**, who died on Sun., Dec. 24, 2017. May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



ST. MICHAEL'S NIGHT OUT: Mark your calendars for the First Monthly Night Out – Wed., Jan. 10, 2018 at 80¢ Gastropub, 6-8 PM. A la carte dining with your parish family. Catholic trivia, games and prizes. *All are welcome!* RSVP Carolyn Williams 704-340-8167

SOCIAL APOSTOLATE COAT COLLECTION: A box is in the side entrance of the church for a few weekends. Donations will be accepted of any coats, jackets, gloves, hats, and socks that you might wish to donate for the needy.



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Eight (8) of the parish's stained-glass windows remain unsold. Consider donating to complete this project. Contact any member of the committee or the chair, Tom Beytagh, liltybee@gmail.com.

SAVANNAH DEANERY YOUTH: March for Life Saint Augustine trip, Jan. 13-14. Mark your calendars!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018: Fri., Jan. 19, bus trip to Atlanta, 7 AM, parking lot off of I-16 Dean Forest and Town Center Rd., arrive back by 6:30 PM. Trip is free but RSVP no later than Jan. 6. Forms at the church entrances.



Welcome to the following new members:
Mary Dahlin, Monica Young,
Jane and Tony Russo

We welcome into our church family, by the waters of baptism: **Robert Hebert Weber, son of Dave and Sue Weber**, who was baptized on Sun., Dec. 24, 2017. We welcome this child and commend his parents for passing on the faith we learned from the Apostles.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit." Colossians 3:17

Sacrificial Giving
December 24, 2017



Yearly Offertory Budget \$324,000.00
Weekly Average Needed \$ 6,230.77

Collected Offertory \$ 2,169.00
Same Time Last Year \$ 7,332.00
Christmas Day \$ 30,723.00
Dioc. Catholic Schools \$ 1,343.00

Budgeted YTD \$ 162,000.02
Collected YTD \$ 161,555.00

BAA (2017 goal) \$ 27,761.00
BAA (pledged to date) \$ 11,775.00
BAA (paid-one time/pledges) \$ 42,528.00



Sat. Dec 30 6:00 PM † Margie Mathews
 Sun. Dec 31 8:00 AM
 11:00 AM The Parish
 6:00 PM The Parish
 Mon. Jan 1 10:00 AM † Clara Rowland (A)
 Tues. Jan. 2 8:00 AM † Gertrude Kehoe Beytagh (A)
 Weds. Jan. 3 8:00 AM † Sam Watford
 Thurs. Jan. 4 8:00 AM †
 Fri. Jan. 5 8:00 AM No Morning Service
 Sat. Jan. 6 6:00 PM The Parish



Mon., Jan 1 Parish Office is closed
 Wed., Jan. 3 Thrift Shop Re-opens 10 AM
Wed., Jan. 3 Choir practice 5:45 PM Church
Fri., Jan. 5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GINNY MURPHY!
Sat., Jan. 6 TybeeMLK Parade and Program 2 PM
 Mon., Jan. 8 Finance Committee meeting 6 PM Church meeting room

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Rachelle Reyes and Michael Cline** on their wedding at St. Michael parish on Wed., Dec. 20, 2017. We wish them many years of happiness!

CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED: *Prayer and Action* is looking for students to assist with this summer's mission program. A 4-week commitment from June 1-30, 2018. Some travel and training involved; a weekly stipend is included. **Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2018.** To find out more/apply: <https://www.savannahdeaneryyouth.com/>

VIRTUS pre-register online at www.diosav.org. **Upcoming Events Calendar: 1/7/18 1:30 PM, Our Lady of Lourdes Port Wentworth.**

Family Promise of Greater Savannah (IHN): Mark your calendars for the week of Jan. 14-21, 2018. Volunteers are needed. Please call Lauren Jackson at 912-472-4373.

2018 TybeeMLK Parade & Program: Sat., Jan. 6, 2 PM, begins at the Tybee Pier. Fr. Jerry will participate in the program at the Old School Cafeteria.

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This team is always looking for additional members to fit our parishioners' needs in prayer.

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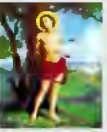








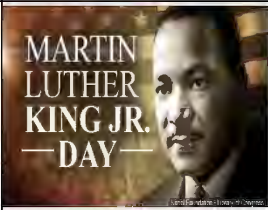
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Office Closed</u> 10 AM Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 8 AM Mass  Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	3 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM  The Most Holy Name of Jesus	4 8 AM Mass  St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5 <u>NO Morning Service</u>  Happy Birthday, Ginny Murphy! St. John Neumann	6 Tybee MLK Parade 2 PM  5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil St. Andre Bessette
7 The Epiphany 8 & 11AM  Discipleship Class	8 The Baptism of the Lord 8 AM Mass Women's Club meeting 6:30 PM Finance Committee 6 PM	9 8 AM Mass	10 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM	11 8 AM Mass	12 <u>Office Closed</u> <u>NO Morning Service</u>	13 5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil St. Hilary 
14 8 & 11AM Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality) Week Jan. 14-21	15 <u>Office Closed</u> 8 AM Mass Building & Grounds Committee 6 PM Parish Council 7 PM <i>M L King Day</i>	16 8 AM Mass	17 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM St. Anthony 	18 8 AM Mass	19 <u>NO Morning Service</u>	20 5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil Sts. Fabian and Sebastian 
21 8 & 11AM Discipleship Class	22 8 AM Mass Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children 	23 8 AM Mass St. Vincent St. Marianne Cope 	24 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM St. Francis de Sales 	25 8 AM Mass Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 	26 <u>NO Morning Service</u> Sts. Timothy and Titus 	27 5-5:45 PM Confessions 6 PM Vigil Memorial Garden Brick Sales after ALL Masses St. Angela Merici 
28 8 & 11AM Discipleship Class Memorial Garden Brick Sales after ALL Masses	29 8 AM Mass	30 8 AM Mass	31 8 AM Mass Choir practice 5:45 PM St. John Bosco 			
<u>Parish Mass Schedule:</u> Sun. 8 & 11 AM Mon. – Thurs. 8 AM Fri. 8 AM <u>NO Service</u> Sat. 6 PM Vigil Confessions 5-5:45 PM <u>Consult bulletin for changes.</u>	<u>Regular Program Schedule</u> PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) Sun. 9:15-10:40 AM Discipleship Class 9:50- 10:40 AM RCIA <u>Consult bulletin for changes.</u>	<u>Deanery Mass Schedule:</u> St. Peter the Apostle M-F 7:30 AM Cathedral M-F 7:30 AM & Noon Blessed Sacrament M-F 8 AM St. Peter & Paul Tue/F 8:30 AM				



March for Life 2018

“Let your light so shine before men....and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

A **March for Life** bus trip is planned for **Friday, January 19, 2018!** This will be the second pilgrimage organized by the **Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry** to Atlanta, Ga, on the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Since **Nellie Gray** organized the first March for Life in Washington in 1974, the number of marches has increased to hundreds of rallies in January all over the country. These marches give thousands of life-affirming leaders, clergy and citizens a chance to speak up for the defenseless, so that one day each may stand before God and say, “I did speak out; I was not silent in the face of the wanton killing of innocents.”

Our pilgrimage will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot off of I-16 at Dean Forest (307) and Town Center Rd. (directly across from the entry gate to Southbridge). **Parking is free.** Prayer, scripture reading, singing and other activities are planned on the way to and from our state capital. Upon arrival in downtown Atlanta, we will visit a local parish and eat lunch. At 1:00 p.m., we will take part in a roadside witness until 2:00 p.m. Around 2:30 p.m. our bus will load for the return trip to Savannah. **Arrival time back at the point of departure will be approximately 6:30 p.m.**

Due to the generosity of our sponsoring Deanery Churches and the Knights of Columbus, the cost of the bus trip is FREE! (Food and incidentals will be the responsibility of each pilgrim, as well as any **tip** for the bus driver.)

A reservation form (below) is required so that reservations do not exceed seats (56) on the bus. **All reservations should be submitted to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Church Office** (mailing address: 222 E. Harris Street, Savannah, GA 31401), care of **Gretchen Reese, by January 6.** Once the bus is full, remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in order received and notified should space become available. **Please book as soon as possible.**

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Savannah Deanery Respect Life Ministry



Return reservation to Cathedral Office (address above). Please print information below clearly.

2018 March for Life Bus Trip to Atlanta

Today's Date: _____ Number of Persons: _____

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